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EXPORT OF ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have sanctioned / allowed export of onion from different parts of the country during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the Governmental agencies and other agencies who have entrusted with the work of export of onions, State-wise; and

(c) the total foreign exchange likely to be generated out of this export of onion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) : In the year 2001-2002, as on date, Government have permitted release of 5 lakh M.T.of onions for export. The release of quantities of onions for export during the year 2002-2003 has not been finalised.

(b) : The export of onions is carried out through various canalizing agencies, namely (1) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), (2) Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB), Pune, Maharashtra (3) Gujar Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.(GAIC), Gujarat (4) The Spices Trading Corporation Ltd.(STCL), Bangalore, Karnataka, (5) AP State Trading Corporation, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.(6) The Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd (KSCMF), Bangalore, Karnataka. (7) The National Co-operative Consumers` Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF), New Delhi; and (8 The North Karnataka Onion Growers Co-operative Society, Hubli, Karnataka.

In addition to the above the export of Krishnapuram onion is carried out by A.P.State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd., (AP - MARKFED) while the export of Bangalore Rose onion is carried out by Karnataka Agricultural Produce Processing & Expor Corporation (KAPPEC) and KSCMF.

(c) : In 2000-01, onion exports generated foreign exchange worth Rs. 276.41 crores. Over the period April - November 2001, the value of onion exports is Rs.221.4 crores.